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Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Demographics
- Population (2019): 28,516,000
- Annual births: 515,000
- Children under 5 (2019): 2,419,000 (8%)
- Under-five mortality: 25/1,000

Young children at risk of poor development

Threats to Early Childhood Development
- Maternal mortality: 25/100,000
- Low birthweight: 9%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data

Support and services for early childhood development:
- Nurturing care

Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

Nutrition
- Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 7%
- Minimum acceptable diet: no data

Responsive caregiving
- Public information about ECD
- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care

Comparative country data urgently needed

Facilitating environments

Policies
- Paid maternity leave
- Paid paternity leave
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection
- International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes

International conventions
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

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